

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

Entry of the amendment after the Title and before the Technical Field is courteously solicited. Applicant has amended this part of the specification to include priority data.

Entry of the amendment to the paragraph on page 1, lines 27-30, is also requested. In particular, Applicant identified a typo in the equation listed on page 1, line 30. The theoretical spot size is approximately given by the following equation:

$$SS = 0.57 \lambda / NA,$$

where λ is the wavelength of the laser, and

NA is the numerical aperture.

If requested by the Examiner, Applicant would be willing to identify supporting documentation that predates the current application to show that the spot size calculation approximately according to the equation $SS = 0.57 \lambda / NA$, was generally known and accepted in the art at the time of Applicant's invention.

Applicant's specification is drafted consistent with the correct equation listed above. For example, at page 2, lines 1-2, Applicant notes that a 350 nm laser with a 0.9 NA gives a spot size (SS) of 0.22 microns. In other words, $SS = 0.57 (.350 \text{ microns}) / (0.9) = 0.22 \text{ microns}$.

Applicant also requests entry of the amendment to the paragraph on page 18, line 27 to page 19, line 12.

Amendments to the Claims

Prior to examination, please amend the application by canceling claims 1-29 and adding new claims 30-49.

Applicant believes that all new claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims.

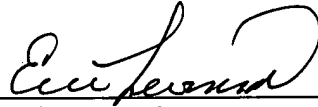
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